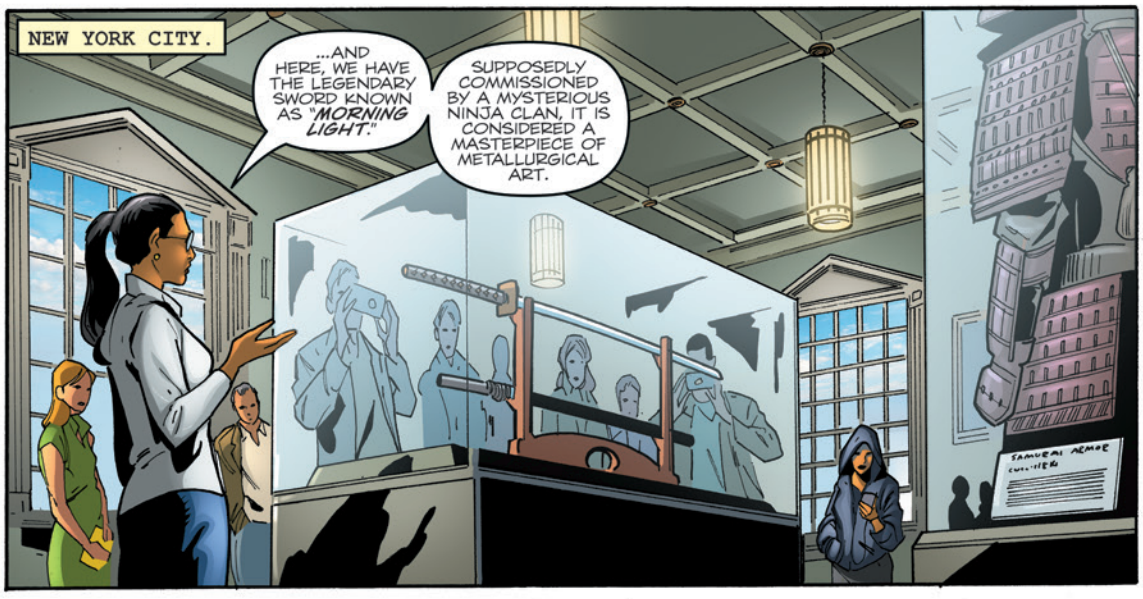
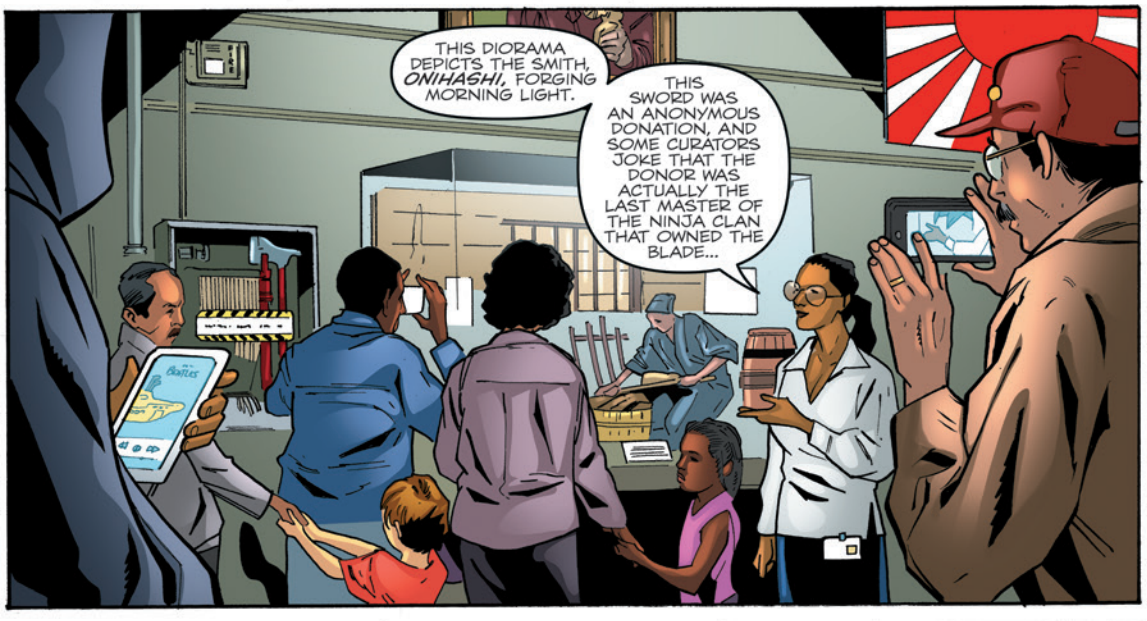
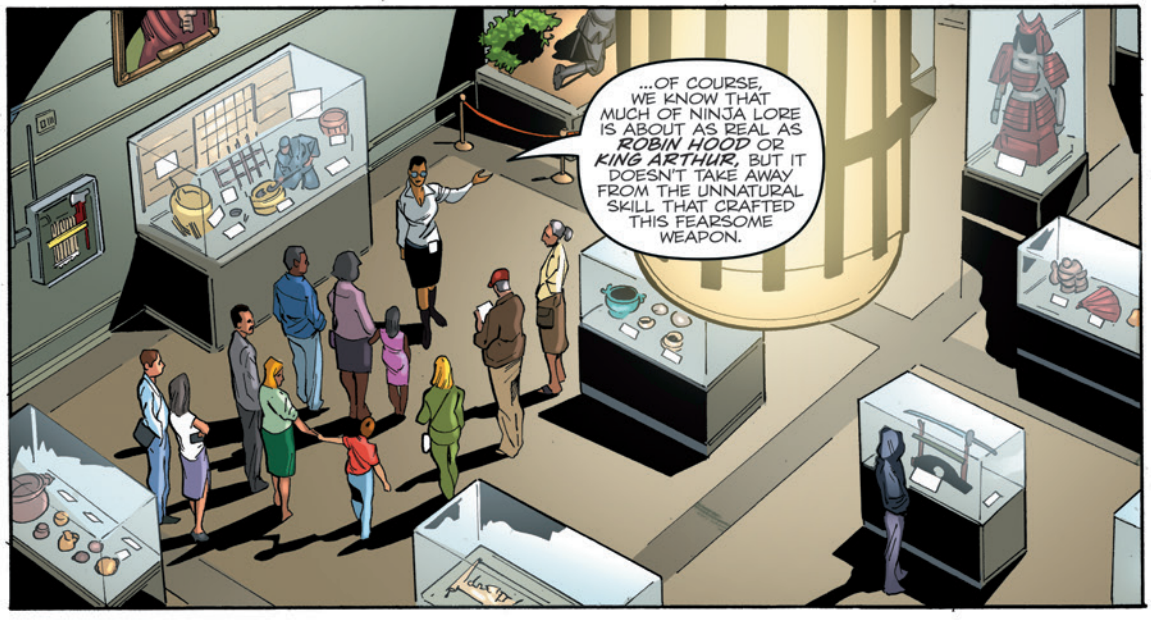
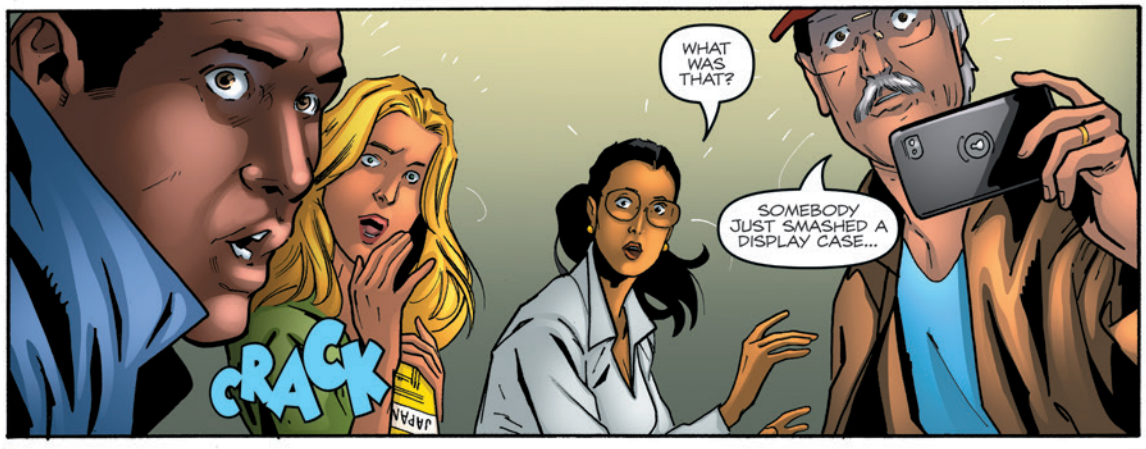
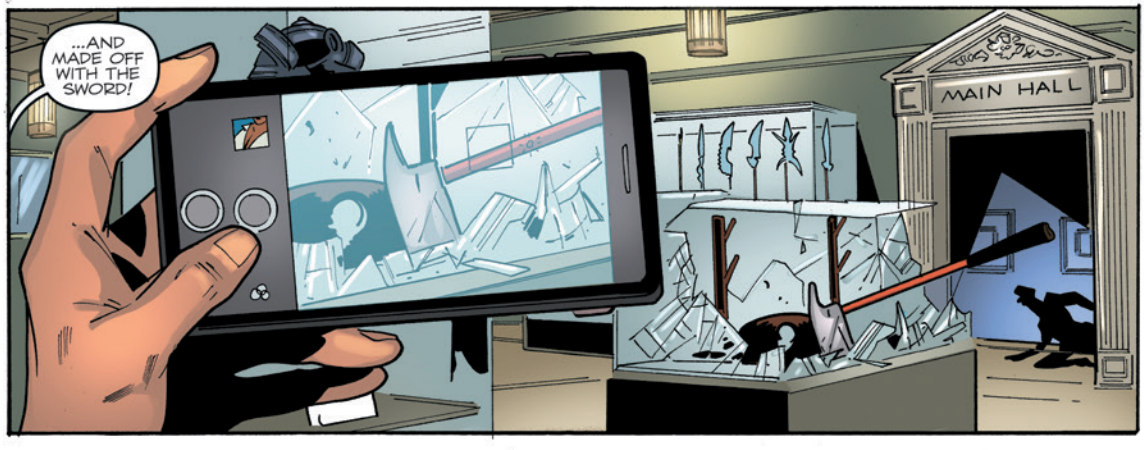

NEW YORK CITY.
...AND HERE, WE HAVE THE LEGENDARY SWORD KNOWN AS "MORNING LIGHT."
SUPPOSEDLY COMMISSIONED BY A MYSTERIOUS NINJA CLAN, IT IS CONSIDERED A MASTERPIECE OF METALLURGICAL ART.
SAMURAI ARMOR


THIS DIORAMA DEPICTS THE SMITH, ONIHASHI, FORGING MORNING LIGHT.
THIS SWORD WAS AN ANONYMOUS DONATION, AND SOME CURATORS JOKE THAT THE DONOR WAS ACTUALLY THE LAST MASTER OF THE NINJA CLAN THAT OWNED THE BLADE...


...OF COURSE, WE KNOW THAT MUCH OF NINJA LORE IS ABOUT AS REAL AS ROBIN HOOD OR KING ARTHUR, BUT IT DOESN'T TAKE AWAY FROM THE UNNATURAL SKILL THAT CRAFTED THIS FEARSOME WEAPON.

A DIORAMA ILLUSTRATING THE NINJA FANTASY: NOBODY KNOWS ANYTHING FOR SURE ABOUT THIS CLAN OTHER THAN THE NUMBER 63 WAS IMPORTANT TO THEM—


WHAT WAS THAT?
SOMEBODY JUST SMASHED A DISPLAY CASE...
CRACK


...AND MADE OFF WITH THE SWORD!
MAIN HALL

EVERYBODY STAY WHERE YOU ARE!
THE ALARM SYSTEM AUTOMATICALLY TRIGGERS THE SECURITY GATES!

NIPPON
ART AND CRAFTSMANSHIP FROM THE ISLE OF JAPAN
SLAM
ART AND CRAFTSMANSHIP FROM THE ISLE JAPAN

ALL MUSEUM EXITS ARE SEALED!
ALL SECURITY PERSONNEL REPORT TO MAIN FLOOR!

I'VE GOT THE THIEF SPOTTED!

IT'S A GIRL! JUST A KID!

HOW CAN SHE MOVE THAT FAST?

FREEZE! PUT YOUR HANDS ON YOUR HEAD, AND GET DOWN ON YOUR KNEES!
IT'S ALL OVER, KID. DIDN'T YOUR PARENTS TEACH YOU IT'S WRONG TO STEAL?
NOT HARDLY...
FA-SCREEK
...AND HOW CAN I STEAL SOMETHING THAT RIGHTFULLY BELONGS TO ME?
HEY! YOU SCRATCH MY PAINT, YOU PAY!
ART AND CRAFTSMANSHIP FROM THE ISLE OF
SUE ME.
BOB
ONCE SHE'S MIXED IN WITH THE CROWD ON FIFTH AVENUE, WE'RE NEVER GOING TO FIND HER!

IN OLLIESTAN.
SO, HOW COME THIS PRISONER GETS BETTER GRUB THAN US RED SHADOWS?
HAVEN'T YOU HEARD OF A LAST MEAL? WORD IS THE BLACK MAJOR AIMS TO SHOOT HER HIMSELF.

OKAY, COME OUT INTO THE MIDDLE OF THE ROOM WHERE I CAN SEE YOU, TURN AROUND, AND GO PUT YOUR HANDS UP AGAINST THE FAR WALL—

—SHE'S NOT IN THERE!
SHE'S PROBABLY FLAT AGAINST THE NEAR WALL, TRYING TO LURE US IN TO JUMP US!

GOOD LUCK JUMPING US AFTER SHE GETS A TASTE OF A FLASH BANG GRENADE!

WHUMP